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DISTRICT FOUR

NOVEMBER 19, 2008 WEEKLY UPDATE



Councilmember Young at the CA Alliance of African American Educators (CAAAE) 6th Annual San Diego Region's Professional Development Breakfast

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Tuesday November 18, 2008 the San Diego City Council voted to postpone the selection of a Council President until (4) new Council members are sworn in on December 8, 2008. Councilman Young was selected as President of the San Diego City Council for that day and will preside over the first meeting of the new Council. It is at this meeting that a Council President will be chosen with the full participation of the new council members. Councilman Young commended and thanked his fellow Council members for their unanimous support and their expressions of faith and trust that he will ensure a smooth and seamless transition of Council business from the (4) out-going Council members to the new Council members.

On Tuesday November 18, 2008 the San Diego City Council unanimously approved a plan for the San Diego Housing Commission to apply for \$9.4 million from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to acquire, rehabilitate, and resale foreclosed homes in the 4th Council District and District's 3, 7 and 8.

In recognition that \$9 million is no where near the amount of funds needed to address the foreclosure crisis, the Council also approved Councilman Young's recommendation for the



Housing Commission to work with the Mayor's office, City-County Reinvestment Task Force, local community based agencies in the Districts, financial institutions, lenders, and other appropriate housing and redevelopment agencies to develop a comprehensive plan to address the foreclosure crisis. The Housing Commission is to return to the Council with the Plan within the next 60 days. The Plan is to include identifying and using additional resources; collaborations with various entities to maximize and leverage additional dollars and services to help prevent foreclosures; and creative strategies to help low and moderate first time home buyers acquire affordable homes that have been foreclosed.

On Tuesday November 18, 2008 the San Diego City Council voted to pass on a water rate increase from the County Water Authority. This 8.5% increase will be effective on January 1, 2009. Councilman Young was joined by Councilman Faulconer and Councilman Maienschein in Voting No! on a water rate increase to fund a controversial "toilet-to-tap" pilot project.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

You're invited to a Free Breakfast! Building Our Community Together—To help determine our priorities for the community's future development! This will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2008 from 9:00 am—11:00 am at the Joe & Vi Jacobs Center 404 Euclid Avenue, San Diego, CA 92114. This community breakfast hosted by my office, The Coalition of Neighborhood Councils (CNC), Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation (JCNI) and the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) is to celebrate 7 years of progress and help create future plans for housing, economic and commercial development in the CNC, JCNI, SEDC areas of influence. Please call my office at (619) 236-6644 to confirm your attendance and or additional information if needed.

The Malcolm X Library proudly presents: Conversations on Race. An Examination on the Status of Race Relations in San Diego in the Past 40

Years with Dr. Carrol Waymon will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Malcolm X Library Multipurpose Room (5148 Market Street) For more information contact (619) 527-3405 or www.sandiego.library.org.

Water For Children Africa's 12th Africa Trade and Business Conference
Saturday, November 22, 2008: All Day Conference from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the San Diego Natural History Museum in Balboa Park. For more information



call Richard at: (619) 266-0366 or visit www.waterforchildrenafrica.org. Sunday, November 23, 2008: will be Pray for Africa at Bethel Memorial AME Church from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information call Richard at: (619) 266-0366 or visit www.waterforchildrenafrica.org.

Saturday, January 31, 2009: San Diego Super Run 2009 10K and 5K will benefit Water For Children Africa. For more information please contact www.kathyloperevents.com.

Pure Fitness Sports Clubs Run for the Hungry Thanksgiving Day will take place on Thursday, November 27, 2008 beginning at 8:-00am at Petco Park (13th and Imperial Avenue). This Thanksgiving before sitting down for a feast, join us for a morning of fun by running or walking in a fast and scenic 5K or 10K run/walk through the heart of San Diego. Help us show San Diego's hungry that San Diego Cares about them! Run for the Hungry is an important fundraiser for the San Diego Food Bank, and Foodmobile, a program of Jewish Family Service. Pledge your support; sign up online at: www.kathyloperevents.com/hungry. For more information please call (619) 298-7400.

The San Diego Food Bank is hosting its annual Holiday Food Drive to provide food for those less fortunate this holiday season. The 2008 Holiday Food Drive will run from November 1 to December 31. Please drop-off nonperishable food items in the Food Bank's famous red collection barrels at VONS, Trader Joe's and Stater Brothers grocery stores throughout the county, or food can be delivered directly to the San Diego Food Bank warehouse: 9850 Distribution Avenue, San Diego 92121. The San Diego Food Bank needs food that will provide nutritious meals for people in need. Our most needed items include: canned meat & tuna; canned soups; canned fruits and vegetables; peanut butter; canned beans; spaghetti; dry cereal; rice and mac & cheese. Important note: the Food Bank cannot accept perishable items or items in glass jars due to food safety regulations.

Rebuilding Together San Diego is now accepting applications for home repairs for their 2009 Home Renovation Program. Rebuilding Together San Diego, is a non-profit and affiliate of the largest National volunteer home rehabilitation and affordable housing preservationist organization in America. Applications are now being accepted from low-income families, who own their own home and need assistance with home repairs. Dead-line to apply is November 20, 2008. Applications and income guide-lines can be found at www.rebuildingtogethersd.org or call (619) 231-7873.



San Diego Show All Stars Cheerleading and Dance 2008-2009 season is now accepting applications! Teamwork, Self-confidence, Self-esteem and College scholarships! Just \$70 per month, Fundraising opportunities available. No Experience Necessary! Contact Ms. Tracey at (619) 788-6042 or Coach Debbie at (619) 518-8184. You can also email at info@sdshowcheeranddance.org. Please visit www.sdshowcheeranddance.org for more information.

English as a Second Language; FREE ESL Classes! Will be held every Monday: Conversation/Vocabulary, Wednesday: Reading/Writing and Friday: Grammar/Spelling from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Horton Elementary (5050 Guymon Street). Parent and Community Room 18 and FREE childcare in Room 28. Computer Lab: Mornings and Afternoons with an appointment. New computers with: beginning-advanced. English, GED and Pronunciation software. NO FEE! For more information call (619) 388-4806.

Who says Community Service can't be Fun? Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County Be a Big Brother or Big Sister! Bigs In Schools and Community Mentoring Program! For more information on how you and your group can volunteer, Please call (858) 536-4900 x213. Apply online at www.SDBigs.org.

The Grand Parent's Connection! Grand Parent's Connection is a group of grand parent's, offering support for grandparents or relatives, who are raising children under the age of 18. The group offers open discussion, and guest speakers who focus on issues affection grandparents of other relatives who are raising children with information on resources available on their communities. They meet Thursday Mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Tubman Chavez Center (415 N Euclid Avenue). For more information please call Shearl Lambert at (619) 931-9548 or email her at shearl2530@sbcglobal.net.

<u>San Diego Home Loan Counseling and Education Center Home Buying</u>
<u>Counseling Services</u> Counselors are ready to assist you in Budget Counseling,
Reviewing the home buying process, Explaining various loan programs, Prequalification services, Referral, Development of a written home buying plan of
action. For more information contact (619) 624-2330 or www.sdhomeloan.org.

Get your FREE Home Energy Savings Kit from SDG&E! To help you save energy and money, SDG&E® has assembled a Home Energy-Savings Kit containing useful items to help you save water and the energy used to heat it. Order Your Free Home Energy-Savings Kit Today! By saving energy and water



you will be helping to protect the environment by conserving precious natural resources for the region. Visit www.sdge.com/energykit for more information and to order your free kit today.

GET INVOLVED! Skyline-Paradise Hills Planning Group needs you! If you are interested in recommending and advising the San Diego City Planning Commission and the City Council on changes regarding zoning (building and property improvements), zoning violations, street conditions, traffic signals, speed bumps and conditional-use permits, etc. the Skyline-Paradise Hills Planning Group would like to invite you and other residents and neighbor volunteers from the Skyline and Paradise Hills community to attend every Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Paradise Hills Recreation Center, 6610 Potomac St. 92139.

<u>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the Fiscal Year 2010 (July 2009 - June 2010) are now available.</u>

There are three ways to obtain a copy of the application:

- 1. A hard copy of the application can be downloaded and printed from the web site: www.sandiego.gov/cdbg. Click on the "Applications, Forms and Regulations tab.
- 2. Request for the application to be sent electronically from the CDBG Office.
- 3. Pick up a hard copy at the CDBG Office located at 1200 Third Ave. San Diego, CA 92101.

Please keep in mind the Application Timeline Process:

November 3, 2008 Application Packets Available

November 17, 2008 Applicant Workshops (10 a.m. and 2 p.m.), War Memorial Bldg.,

Balboa Park

December 10, 2008 Applicant Workshops (10 a.m. and 2 p.m.), War Memorial Bldg.,

Balboa Park

December 17, 2008 Applications Due at 5 p.m.

For further questions regarding the application process, contact the CDBG Office at (619) 236-6476 or cdbg@sandiego.gov.

GRAFFITI INFORMATION

ONE-STOP

City of San Diego Graffiti Control Hotline: (619) 525-8522

GRAFFITI REPORTING

San Diego Police Department: (619) 531-2000 Graffiti Strike Force: (619) 515-2754

Email Pictures to Police Officer Oscar Amado: oamado@pd.sandiego.gov



Online Reporting Form: www.sandiego.gov/graffiti

GRAFFITI REMOVAL CONTACTS-*Know the exact location of the graffiti!*

Urban Corps Graffiti Hotline: (800) 829-6884

Cal-Trans (graffiti along state highways/freeways): (858) 467-4042

If graffiti is not removed within 48 hours call Diane Valdez: (858) 467-4009

Online Reporting Form: www.dot.ca.gov/maintform

SDG&E: (800) 411-7343 Cox Cable: (619) 263-9251

U.S. Postal Service: (800) 275-8777 City Traffic Signs: (619) 527-7500

Traffic Signal Control Boxes: (619) 527-7500

GRAFFITI REMOVAL SUPPLIES

"Paint Bank"- Free recycled paint and supplies: (619) 527-5419
Appointments Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 9:30-1:30 p.m.
Project CLEAN- Linda Pennington (City Heights only): (619) 563-4014
Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association-Jose Lopez: (619) 282-2788

Paint, rollers, brushes, 4 basic paint colors

CITY RESPONSE TIMES FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL

Public right-of-way/City-owned property: 4 days

Private property-responsibility of owner: depends on owner

OTHER CITY RESOURCES

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal: (858) 694-7000

4TH DISTRICT COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP INFORMATION ONLY: PLEASE CALL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR LOCATIONS!!!

Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District.

I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers, city staff, non-profit organizations and EDCO Waste & Recycling Services that assist in these efforts. Keeping our communities clean and free of debris is an ongoing effort we all must continue to be involved in. Special community cleanup events areas are selected based upon citizen requests, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. Please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado at (858) 627-3317 if you would like to request a clean-up in your area and/or if you have questions.

At the October 15, 2008 community clean-up held in the 4th District community of North Encanto, a total of 11.50 tons of waste was collected, 11.04 tons were non-recyclables and .46 tons were recyclables consisting of metals and appliances from the neighborhood. Alejandro Alvarado-Medina, from North



Encanto, community members, and the Neighborhood Code Compliance Department, are commended for their assistance and support.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.

- George Bernard Shaw

I am in total agreement with him and I am very proud and thankful of the fact that residents throughout the 4th District also share this belief. Please join me or a member of my staff at the following Community Councils meeting this week:

Mountain View Community Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Mountain View Rec. Center, 641 Boundary Street (Lourdes Borboa staffs this meeting)

<u>Paradise Hills Village Council Meeting</u> will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 6:30p.m at Lee Elementary School, 6196 Childs Ave. (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

Martin Luther King Rec. Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. at MLK Rec. Center, 6401 Skyline Drive (Roosevelt Williams staffs this meeting)

<u>Lomita Village Town Council Meeting</u> will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 6:00p.m at Skyline Park Rec. Center, 8285 Skyline Drive (Lourdes Borboa staffs this meeting)

<u>Coalition of Neighborhood Council Meeting</u> will be held on Monday, November 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue (Jimmie Slack staffs this meeting)

<u>Southeastern Planning Committee Meeting</u> will be held on Monday, November 24, 2008 at 7:00p.m at Neighborhood House Association, 41st Street (Bruce Williams staffs this meeting)

<u>Chollas View Neighborhood Council Meeting</u> will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 6:00p.m at Tubman Chavez Center, 415 Euclid Avenue (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

Willie Henderson Rec. Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 25,



2008 at 6:00p.m at Willie Henderson Rec. Center, 1035 S. 45th Street (Roosevelt Williams staffs this meeting)

<u>Chollas Lake Rec. Council Meeting</u> will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2755 55th Street (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

<u>Encanto Neighborhood/Rec. Council Meeting</u> will be held on Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Lee Encanto Rec. Center, 6508 Wunderlin Drive (Roosevelt Williams staffs this meeting)

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

—Dr. Martin Luther King

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions. Please visit the City's web site at www.sandiego.gov and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You will find that several members' terms are expiring, who is responsible for nominating and appointing members, and what the terms and requirements for service are.

Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4th District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.

The San Diego Youth Commission is searching for two District Four youth ages 14-22 to sit on their board as Commissioners! Commissioners advise and provide recommendations to the City Council on pertinent issues to youths. They meet monthly to work on common goals, devise plans, and create policies important to young San Diegans. In addition, the Youth Commission will have the opportunity to develop their own policy agenda and review issues sent to them by the City Council. The San Diego Youth Commission offers youths the opportunity to see first hand how government works and it allows youths to represent themselves and their peers in a positive manner. The Commission is also a fantastic opportunity to bring together young people from various ethnic, socioeconomic, and geographic backgrounds to debate issues, create meaningful policies and learn more about other communities in San Diego. For more



information or to apply as a Commissioner of the San Diego Youth Commission please contact Jasmine Holt at (619) 236-6644 or jdholt@sandiego.gov.

Seeking Nominations - Housing Advisory & Appeals Board

We are seeking nominations of candidates to serve on the **Housing Advisory & Appeals Board**. The Board consists of five members, and **four of the current members** of the Board, who are nearing their seventh year of service, **will be termed out**. Candidates must be members who are qualified by experience and training to advise on matters pertaining to the safety and adequacy of housing. The Housing Advisory & Appeals Board advises Neighborhood Code Compliance on reasonable interpretations of the provisions of the Housing Code, adopts rules and regulations for conducting investigations, hears appeals, and recommends new legislation to City Council, as needed. Board members serve for a term of two years and are eligible to serve for a maximum of eight years. For more information please contact (619) 236-6644.

Nominations of candidates to serve on the Historical Resource Board! The Board consists of eleven members, and currently, there are two vacancies. At this time, we are seeking candidates to fulfill the "At-Large" category on the Board. For more information contact Lisa Gordon at (619) 236-7740.

Nomination for the City's International Affairs Board The Mayor's office is soliciting nominations of a Council District 4 resident to sit on the City's International Affairs Board. A couple of the requirements of the nominee are an elector (registered voter) in the County of San Diego at the time of appointment and for the entire term of the appointment and interest and/or experience in international affairs. Please provide any prospects to Mr. Jimmie Slack at (619) 236-6644 or jslack@sandiego.gov. If prospects need more information, please direct them to the City's website under the Board & Commissions information.

Parking Advisory Board

District 4 Representative

District 5 Representative

District 8 Representative

Board of Building Appeals and Advisors

Seeking Electrical Engineer

Community Forest Advisory Board

Seeking Horticulturalist/Nursery Industry Representative



Seeking At-Large Candidate

Data Processing Corporation Board of Directors

Seeking candidate with professional background or experience in the field of technology (information technology/data processing) and has held the position of CIO, CEO, CFO, COO, Chief Technology Officer, Accountant, or Attorney

Independent Rates Oversight Committee

Seeking Temporary Irrigation Construction Customer (ratepayer classification) which means that the candidate has or works for a company that has a permit (ongoing) with the City for a Fire Hydrant Meter Account

Relocation Appeals Board

Seeking Candidates that are qualified by reason of training and experience in real estate, human relations, housing, urban development, redevelopment or other business or profession

Wetlands Advisory Board

Seeking candidate that represents land owners/Land Use Attorney Seeking candidate with expertise in vernal pools or riparian freshwater habitat

SAVE THIS DATE:

Brother Shirley Gary and The Chosen Evangelistic Music Ministry Team present the 34th Annual Appreciation Services on Saturday, November 29, 2008 beginning at 3:00 p.m. at Faith Chapel Church of God in Christ (4999 Holly Drive) Be Encouraged "God Is Working It Out" Celebrate over 50 years of continuous service to "God" and the San Diego Community.

Shop the World at the 3rd Saturday International Marketplace! Check it out! A new and different open-air shopping experience for all of San Diego. Monthly, every third Saturday from 12:00pm to 6:00m thru Dec. 20th at *Where the World Meets* inside Market Creek Plaza (336 Euclid Ave.)

The 29th Annual 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Parade "Living the Dream" "Let Freedom Ring" presented by Zeta Sigma Lambda Chapter and Alpha Phi Alpha Scholarship Fund, Inc. will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The staging area will be at Tailgate Park (13th and Imperial Ave.) The Parade route will be North on Park Blvd. to J St. West on J St. to 7th Ave. South on 7th Ave. back to Tailgate Park. For more information please

